

WHEATON COMMUNITY RADIO AMATEURS
MINUTES FOR THE CLUB MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023
JANUARY 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1934 hours at 418 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL by Roger Bassett, W9RAF, president as the regular presiding officer, and the regular recording officer, Steve Peterson, N9OA, recorded the minutes.

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

The members and guests present introduced themselves. Those present were: W9AF, N9OA, KB9FYL, N0MO, KA9KDC, KD9DJX, N9CBA, KD9DJT, KC9YFI, AC9VW

Timothy Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Steve Peterson, to approve the minutes for November 4 2022. Motion carried.

Roger Bassett had no presidents report, but reported under the vice president's report that the programs are planned through April.

Steve Peterson reported that the roster is now stored securely in a Google Docs document available to the entire board to keep from having a single point of failure.

Carol Schroeder presented a quarterly report of the club treasury.

Mike Wilson, property custodian, stated that he is gathering the assets needed for the hamfest.

Timothy Wheeler reported on behalf of the RAB that the RAB has no report. Carol Schroeder asked how the testing of the new repeater is going. Timothy responded, "slowly."

Roger Bassett reported that the January newsletter went out and asked if everybody got it.

Kelsey Schroeder reported that nothing has changed on the website. Mike Wilson mentioned that the meetings page comes up 404.

Timothy Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Steve Peterson, to merge the P.R. committee with the Hamletter committee. Motion carried.

Roger Bassett assigned responsibility for the Club Awards committee to himself because he believes that the president should handle awards.

Mike Wilson had no public service / emergency committee report.

Timothy Wheeler reported that he and Tim looked at the CSA and – while winterizing it – determined with 99% certainty that the water damage in the roof is purely cosmetic.

Mike Wilson volunteered to handle the interference committee after a vacancy being announced by Roger Bassett as the only committee report.

Roger Bassett announced that the training committee chairmanship is vacant.

Steve Peterson announced that we are ready for the hamfest with VEs having been secured and the exams being printed.

Roger Bassett reported that this evenings program is hamfest preparation, February will be Show and tell, March will be on a buddy hole antenna presented by Randy of DuPage ARES, and May will be weather spotting. There will be no program in April.

Timothy Wheeler reminded members that the club net is on Sundays at 2000 hrs and solicited input on moving the net to the 440 repeater.

Kelsey Schroeder deferred the hamfest committee report to the meeting program.

Timothy Wheeler reported that Winter Field Day is the weekend after hamfest and that there will be no formally organized club participation.

Roger Bassett announced that the club picnic and holiday party will now both be handled by the executive board.

Mike Wilson presented a membership application for John Cheney, N9MWF. Steve Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mike Wilson, to accept the application. Considerable discussion ensued. A vote by show of hands yielded 5 in favor, and 3 deliberate "no" votes. The 5 ayes fell short of the 7 required for 2/3 of members present. Motion failed. Roger Bassett announced that this application will be presented again next month. Steve Peterson pointed out that a motion to reconsider will be required.

Roger Bassett explained that he informed two organizations that we are unwilling to change the date of future hamfests.

Carol Schroeder requested that officers and committee chairs send her budget needs for the coming year's budget.

Roger Bassett announced that he would like three members to volunteer to serve on the nominating committee. The secretary is to send a notification to members.

Steve Peterson read correspondence:

Hi, I was a member in 1961, acquired my novice license as KN9EBS at 11 years of age. I have a memory of operating radio stations in an underground facility, where I also received Civil Defense credentials. Online, I found an article regarding the demolition of a cold war era control center in 2017, fairly sure that was the place. I am curious if the club has any records from that period and am interested in photos or articles about the underground facility itself. Would love to connect with someone who was there at the time, on air or via phone. Thanks -Jeff

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David Weinheimer suggested sending the note to Frank Krozel for inclusion in the Insider.

The meeting was not adjourned due to the nature of the meeting program.

For the program, Kelsey Schroeder presented the following regarding hamfest:

- The 'fest will be January 15 and will open to the public at 8am
- Setup will be January 14 from 2-5pm
- At 2, we will need to set up 70 tables for the 59 sold.
- Workers should enter on via the south side man door.
- The CSU will be set up at 1pm.
- There will be a map for the table placement
- Tower Electronics will not be present
- Batteries America will not be there either.
- Tickets will not be mailed to vendors, they will pick them up at the CSU
- Ticket sales start at 7:30
- Donated prizes have been received
- There will be one forum.
- We will be selling pre-packaged foods.

As a final note, and in response to a question, Kelsey indicated that the hamfest will be happening and will not be cancelled.

Tom Geletka made a motion, seconded by Timothy Wheeler, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 2100.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Stephen J. Peterson, N9OA
Secretary
Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs, Inc.